

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

[72] ~~In other words, when the number of packets stored in the jitter buffer 33 is less than a first predetermined reference value defined in the buffer region A, the playback speed control unit 37 controls the variable speed playback unit 35 such that the playback speed is reduced.~~

[74] ~~In other words, when a state where the number of packets stored in the jitter buffer 33 is more than a second predetermined reference value defined in the buffer region B is continued for a predetermined time period, the playback speed control unit 37 controls the variable speed playback unit 35 such that the playback speed is increased.~~